

(Washington, DC)— Congresswoman Gwen Moore spoke on the House Floor today to stress the need for a change of course in Iraq. Below are Rep. Moore's remarks.

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

"I am compelled to come before the body today to talk about my deep concern about our continued engagement in Iraq.

"In the past four and half years, we've gone from "mission accomplished" to mission untrue, and in the words of one our colleagues here on the Republican side, to mission unknown. In fact, we are arming and fueling this growing civil war.

"We have found Shiite on Shiite violence, Sunni on Sunni violence, Shiite on Sunni violence – Our troops have no idea what the mission is anymore. I would submit, Mr. Speaker, that this is mission impossible.

"It is time to bring our troops home.

"Just recently, we have found that 190,000 weapons are unaccounted for. There are plenty of weapons in the Department of Interior -- the Ministry of Interior has come to be a police force against our own troops.

"With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back my time. We need to bring our troops home."

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